

# City Times

## NEWSLETTER



Check out some of WHAT'S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- [Friends of the Library Book Sale](#) – July 24-August 2, Central Mall
- [Rain Harvest Event](#) – July 31, Elmer Thomas Park Holiday House
- **Mayor Booker's State of the City Address** – August 24 regular City Council meeting, City Hall

Be sure to stay up to date on the COL COVID-19 Response:

- **As of 7/17/20, posting of signage and the wearing of face masks are required when indoors to help limit the spread of COVID-19. [Click here to read the ordinance.](#)**
- **A new directive for City employees concerning COVID-19 protocols and safety measures is expected to be forwarded to staff in the near future.**



**AUGUST 2020**  
**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE**  
**580.581.3301**



### *Milestone Moment*

*City hosts  
blood drive,  
employees  
donate*



On June 10, the City of Lawton partnered with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to host an employee blood drive.

The blood drive took place from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 10 in the City Hall Banquet Room.

The City had 16 donors with four first time donors. Those who gave blood received from OBI a t-shirt and passes to either Frontier City, the Science Museum of Oklahoma or Safari Joe's H2O.

Those who donated were also able to opt in for COVID-19 antibody testing.

Thank you to those who donated!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

*On your Years of  
Service!*

*More than 50 City  
employees celebrate  
YOS anniversaries  
in August 2020. View  
them all  
[by clicking here.](#)*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

### Welcome to our team!

#### **New City Hires**

**DARIAN WADE**  
MPWTP

**TYLER JINKS**  
Police Corrections

**CARLENE RAHMAN**  
Police Corrections



### August Employee Birthdays:

Daniel Hallagin  
Kyle Peterman  
Aaron Daughtery  
Joshua Dawson  
Jason Norwood  
Joshua White  
Dwayne Eckart  
Marvin Grant Jr.  
Robert Howard  
Candy Vasquez  
Juan Castaneda  
Patrick Jackson III  
Scott Kisner  
Brian Valdez  
Jacob Ferrero  
Amber Follett  
Hannah Brown  
Zacarias Diaz De Leon Fred  
Deborah Gere  
Kylie Ward  
Joshua Brown  
Tiffany Burgess  
Cody Gatliff  
Anthony Hall  
Kathy Hines

Ashawn Smith  
Melissa Clements  
Nathan Cox  
Michael Kelley  
David Adams  
Jessica Carter  
James Peck  
Corey Bowen  
Angela Herbert  
Christine James  
Stanley Booker  
Therese Sullivan  
Wesley Phillips  
Aaron Pollard  
Linda Kenyon  
Roy McCarley  
Gerardo Vallejo  
Elijah Garcia  
Ashley Glaze-Lyle  
Kolton Jones  
Judy Franco  
Tyrin Green  
Loui Pohawpatchoko  
Richard Rogalski  
Abraham Woelfel  
Troy Durham  
William Hines  
Elizabeth Knighton  
Andrew Pruitt

Braden Belflower  
Zachary Neighbors  
Charles Barnett  
Marcus Rucker  
William Sharpe  
Jillian Allison  
Colt Darnell  
Bryan Foster  
Richard Norwood  
Russell Matthesen  
Joved Serrano  
Justin Scaffinger  
Purnachandr  
Yalavarthy  
Ladonna Henderson  
Frankie Valdez  
Jonathan Hull  
Tereasa Neeley  
Darian Ward  
Dustin Way



Help our kids achieve their dreams. Do your part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

**#WearBecauseYouCare**



Check out this PSA from a local health professional about wearing a face mask.

Featuring: Dr. Todd Bridges from Bridges & Buckner Dentistry

**#WearBecauseYouCare**



#### Check out the latest Meet the Team Tuesday Video!

The July 2020 video features Troy Brandon, Stormwater Construction Inspector for the City's Stormwater Management Division.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Nominate employees for Meet the Team Tuesday by emailing [tvrska@lawtonok.gov](mailto:tvrska@lawtonok.gov).



# COL In the News

Photos and images pulled from The Lawton Constitution & KSWO.



**"Sit! Stay! Read! Increases childhood literacy"**

[Read the story from KSWO about the Lawton Public Library reading program.](#)

## Public Safety facility getting fresh asphalt



Michael D. Pope/staff

Workers pour fresh asphalt on a parking lot at the new Lawton Public Safety facility on Monday. The new facility, to open later this summer, will house Lawton Police Department, the city jail, municipal court and the firefighting crews of Central Fire Station.

## COVID testing for city employees



Michael D. Pope/staff  
Spec. 4 Payton Freeman helps Lawton police officers complete the paperwork related to their testing for COVID-19.



**"Open Streets Hits the Streets This Fall"**

[Read the story from KLaw 101 about Open Streets Hits the Streets.](#)

[Click here for partner organization information.](#)

## COVID testing for City of Lawton employees



Michael D. Pope/staff

City of Lawton employees line up on the east side of Lawton City Hall Wednesday to participate in a COVID-19 testing clinic set up by the city and Comanche County Health Department. Initially designed to test all city-related employees, the clinic was expanded to the public. Additional picture 3A



Michael D. Pope/staff

Ingrid Purnell, with the Comanche County Health Department, takes a nasal swap from Lawton firefighter Brandon Foss Wednesday, during a COVID-19 testing program for City of Lawton employees.



Michael D. Pope/staff

Tiffany Vrska, Community Reations Director for the City of Lawton, left, and Tammy Huffman, keep their distance as well as wear masks during work hours at City Hall.

*Friends of the Lawton Public Library*



## SPECIAL BOOK SALE

Friday, July 24 — Sunday, August 2  
10 am—7 pm daily except Sundays (12 noon—4 pm)

Central Mall Lawton—West Entrance near Chick-Fil-A & Charley's  
(in old White Buffalo restaurant)  
200 SW C Ave, Lawton OK 73501

Shop early. Shop often.  
New books added throughout the sale.  
Face masks required.  
Please practice social distancing.



For more details, call 580.581.3450 or go to [lawtonok.gov/departments/library](http://lawtonok.gov/departments/library)

**"Friends of the Library Book Sale"**

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## Employee Wellness Program

The Wellness Committee is promoting a "Get Moving" challenge. This challenge began July 13 and will last through August 23. The goal is to "move" at least 150 minutes per week.

For more information, contact Charlotte Brown, Wellness Committee Chair, at [chbrown@lawtonok.gov](mailto:chbrown@lawtonok.gov) or Megan Loftis at [mloftis@lawtonok.gov](mailto:mloftis@lawtonok.gov).